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Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" In view of the fact that there are loud complaints that these panchayat forests are not allowed to be used by the villagers, may I request the Hon. the Law Member to issue orders immediately? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" I do not think I shall at once answer that question."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ACTS ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

* The Hon. the President :—" I have to announce that the under-mentioned Acts received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the dates mentioned against each :—

(1) The Madras Estates Land (Amendment) Act, 1935	26th November 1935.
(2) The Madras Irrigation Cess and Land Encroachment (Amendment) Act ...	6th December 1935
(3) The Indian Registration (Madras Amendment) Act, 1935	6th December 1935.
(4) The Madras Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 1935	7th December 1935.

III.—AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

* The Hon. the President :—" The first item in the agenda is a motion by the Hon. the Leader of the House to amend Standing Orders Nos. 28, 30 and 55. Under Standing Order No. 77, I have now to read the draft amendments and ask whether the Hon. Member has the leave of the House. The amendments have been circulated to the Hon. Members of this House and are also printed in the agenda. They are as follows :—

Standing Order No. 28.

' (1) *For* clause (1) of Standing Order No. 28, *substitute* the following clause, namely :—

" (1) A matter requiring the decision of the Council is brought forward by means of a question put by the President on a motion proposed by one member and seconded by another; and a motion which is not seconded shall not be discussed nor shall any question be put on it:

Provided that a motion need not be seconded in the following cases, namely :—

(*a*) if the motion is one which is moved by a member of the Government, or

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(*b*) if the motion is one for the reduction of any grant, whether a budget grant or a further or a supplementary grant, or for the omission or reduction of any item in any such grant."

Standing Order No. 30.

(2) *For* clause (1) of Standing Order No. 30, *substitute* the following clause, namely:—

" (1) After the mover and seconder have spoken, other members may speak to the motion in the order in which they are called by the President:

Provided that if the motion is one which need not be seconded or if the seconder has reserved his speech, members other than the mover may speak to the motion in the order in which they are called by the President, after the mover has spoken or after the motion has been seconded, as the case may be."

Standing Order No. 55.

' (3) *In Standing Order No.* 55, omit *clause* (4).'

I wish to know whether the Hon. Member has the leave of the House. (After a pause.) Since no Member objects, I take it that the Hon. Member has the leave of this House. The draft amendments are now to be referred to a Select Committee. Six members of the Select Committee have to be elected by the Council by means of the single transferable vote in accordance with the regulations framed in this behalf. Other Members are the President, the Deputy President, the Advocate-General, The Hon. the Law Member who has given notice of the amendments and one of the members of the panel of Chairmen to be nominated by me. I fix 2-30 p.m. to-day, as the latest hour within which nominations may be handed over to the Secretary.

" If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, there will be an election between 12 noon and 2 p.m. to-morrow (31st January 1936)."

IV.—DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS FOR 1933–34.[a]

* The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. Bracken:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

' (*a*) *That an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 2,037 *be granted " under " Grant X—Secretariat and Headquarters Establishments—Reserved " to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1933–34.

(*b*) *That an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 1,17,869 *be granted under " Grant XXXIII—Pensions—Reserved " to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1933–34.'

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[a] Explanatory Note printed as Appendix IX on pages 231–232 infra.